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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

Attachments a copy of relevant pages of the "Concise
Encyclopedia Biochemistry", second edition, p. 570, 1988 is
attached following page 16 of this paper.